INDIA: Projects by State	*Andhra Pradesh (US $ Million)*
Population - IV West Bengal	51.0
Vocational Training	30.0 250.0
Technical Education - II	307.1
Shrimp and Fish Culture	85.0

[*Translation*]

Smuggling of Narcotic Drugs at Bombay and Delhi Airports

3801. SHRIMATI BHAVNA CHIKHLIA: : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the incidents of smuggling of the narcotic drugs and other intoxicants detected by the customs officials at Bombay and Delhi airport since January, 1992 so far; and

(b) the details of the seizures made during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI REMESHWAR THUKUR): (a) and (b). Avalable report indicate that the Customs authorities have detected only one incident of such smuggling at Bombay airport since January, 1992. In this case, 1500 'Ritalin' tablets reported to be psychotropic substances were seized. No such detection by Customs authorities at Delhi airport has been reported during the same period.

[*English*]

Improvement in Condition of Tea Gardens

3803. SHRI JITENDRA NATH DAS: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the condition of the gardens in the country is not satisfactory;

(b) the steps taken by that Tea Trading Corporation of India to improve their condition during the current year;

(c) the result achieved therefrom; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to make the tea gardens more productive?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) By and large the condition of the gardens in the country is satisfactory. Average yield of tea per hectare in India is 1652 kgs compared to 936 kgs in Sri Lanka, 1081 kgs in Indonesia and 824 kgs in Bangladesh.

(b) to (d). Tea Trading Corporation of India Ltd. (TTCI) is managing five gardens in the country. TTCI have recently got prepared a detailed plan for rehabilitation.

The Government is operating a number of developmental scheme through tea Board for improving the production and productivity of tea gardens in the country. Sick tea units and units with low productivity can avial

the financial assistance and technical expertise from Tea Board which is available under various scheme.

Development of N. H. in Kerala

3804. SHRI THAYIL ANJALOSE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals for the development of National Highways submitted by the Government of Kerala to the Union Government during the last three years;

(b) the details of proposals out of them approved by the Union Government and the amount sanctioned therefor;

(c) the reasons for not clearing the remaining proposals;

(d) whether the construction work of any of the sanctioned projects is being delayed; and

(e) if so, the erasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c). During the last three years (1989-90 to 1991-92), 67 proposals in respect of National Higway works included in the Annual Plans were received from Kerala State. Out of these, 49 schemes costing Rs. 174.14 crores were approved, 12 proposals were returned to the State being deficient, and 6 projects are in different stages of processing.

(d) and (e). Yes, Sir. Execution of some of the sanctioned projects is delayed due to land acquisition and contractual problems, or other site difficulties.

Efficiency in Nationalised Bank

3805. SHRI SUSANTA CHAKRABORTY:
SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) Whether the efficiency in banks has decreased after the nationalisation and the number of Complaints regarding corruption have also increased;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c). Since nationalisation , the banking industry has undergone a structural transformation with the expansion of branches of commercial banks specially in rural and semi-urban areas. Will there has been substantial mobilisation of savings by way of deposits and reorientation of flow of credit to hitherto neglected sectors and weaker sections of society, certain weaknesses have also crept into the system .

The performance of public sector banks is monitored by Government and RBI on continuing basis. The banks have taken several measures to increase their efficiency strengthening of their internal system of supervision and control. Action plans have also been drawn up by banks to improve their profitability.

With a view to curb corruption in public sector banks, RBI and Govt. have been impressing upon the banks from time to time the necessity of taking a serious view of the irregularities committed by the staff involved in case of corrupt practices and of inflicting befitting punishment to them. The banks have also set up vigilance cells for looking into complaints regarding corruption in accordance with the laid down procedure. Wherever necessary, the Central Vigilance Commission and Central Bureau of Investigation also Look into the cases of